IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:)) Chapter 11
ALEXANDER E. JONES,) Case No. 22-33553 (CML)
Debtor.))

OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS' NOTICE OF RULE 2004 EXAMINATION OF MARLEIGH JONES

Please take notice that, pursuant to Rule 2004 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules") and Local Rule 2004-1 of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "Local Rules"), the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee") of Alexander E. Jones (the "Debtor") will take the oral deposition of Marleigh Jones. The deposition will commence on August 21, 2023, 9:00 AM Central Time at the offices of Jackson Walker LLP, 100 Congress Avenue, Suite 1100, Austin, TX 78701, or at such other date, time and place as the parties may agree.

Please be advised that the scope of the deposition includes, but is not limited to, any matter relevant to: (i) the Debtor's Assets, liabilities, and financial condition; (ii) Transfers and transactions involving the Debtor or his entities, directly or indirectly; (iii) Ms. Jones's business relationships with the Debtor, the Debtor's family members, and the Debtor's business associates, to the extent relevant to the Debtor or his business, directly or indirectly; (iv) any entities owned, managed, or operated by the Debtor, the Debtor's family members, and the Debtor's business associates, to the extent relevant to the Debtor or his business, directly or indirectly; (v) any trusts related to the Debtor; (vi) any topic in the Subchapter V Trustee's Report; and (vii) any plan that

may be introduced in the Debtor's bankruptcy or in the bankruptcy of Free Speech Systems, LLC.¹ The Committee reserves all rights regarding the scope of the deposition, including but not limited to its right to broaden the scope of the deposition prior to the commencement of the deposition.

Please take further notice that Marleigh Jones is also commanded to immediately begin producing documents and electronic information identified in the attached **Exhibit A** to the Committee on a rolling basis, with production completed no later than August 11, 2023.

Please take further notice that the Committee reserves its rights under title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. § 101, *et seq.* (as amended) (the "Bankruptcy Code"), the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and any applicable law regarding the subject matter of this Notice, and to amend, supplement, and/or modify Exhibit A attached hereto in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and other applicable law.

¹ Capitalized terms undefined herein have the meaning ascribed in Exhibit A.

Dated: July 19, 2023 Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Marty L. Brimmage

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

Pursuant to Local Rule 2004-1, I hereby certify that counsel for the Committee conferred with counsel for Marleigh Jones on the Committee's Rule 2004 notice substantially in the form reflected in Exhibit A on July 5 and July 17, 2023.

/s/ Marty L. Brimmage
Marty L. Brimmage

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on July 19, 2023, a true and correct copy of the foregoing and the attached exhibit were served on all parties registered to receive electronic notice of filings in this case via this Court's ECF notification system.

/s/ Marty L. Brimmage
Marty L. Brimmage

EXHIBIT A

DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to the Requests. Unless otherwise defined herein, all words and phrases used herein shall be accorded their usual meaning and shall be interpreted in their common, ordinary sense.

- 1. The term "Account" shall mean any arrangement or agreement by which one or more Persons accepts one or more Persons' Assets to hold on behalf of that Person, including but not limited to savings accounts, checking accounts, money market accounts, certificate of deposit accounts, brokerage accounts, currency accounts, Cryptocurrency accounts, commodities, commodities futures accounts, trust accounts, bailments, custodial agreements, safe deposit boxes, arrangements or agreements by which Assets are stored, and any other accounts held with a financial institution.
- 2. The term "Affiliate" or "Affiliates" shall have the meaning ascribed to the term "Affiliate" under 11 U.S.C. § 101(2).
- 3. The term "Agent" shall mean any Person or entity and their Professionals acting for or on behalf of another Person or entity.
- 4. The terms "all," "any," and "each" shall each be construed as encompassing any and all of these terms.
- 5. The connectives "and" and "or" shall be construed either disjunctively or conjunctively as necessary to bring within the scope of a Request all Documents, Communications, or responses that might otherwise be construed to be outside of its scope.
- 6. The term "Assets" shall mean both real assets and intangible assets, including real property (whether owned or leased), fixtures, facilities, businesses, business lines, intellectual property, goodwill, contracts, rights to recover under any insurance policy, causes of action,

inventory, cash, Cryptocurrency, Cryptocurrency Wallets, cash equivalents, commodities, commodities futures, precious metals, jewelry, watches, furniture, wine, art, firearms, domain names, oil and gas leases, mineral rights, automobiles, watercraft, boats, helicopters, and any other thing of value.

- 7. The term "Communication" shall mean the transmittal of information (in the form of facts, ideas, inquiries, or otherwise). For the avoidance of doubt, this may encompass any oral, written, or electronic transmission of information without limitation, including meetings, discussions, conversations, telephone calls, email messages, text messages, Bloomberg messages, chat messages, Instant Bloomberg chat messages, social media messages (e.g., Facebook, Twitter), WhatsApp chat messages, Signal app messages, Telegram app messages, GroupMe chat messages, or other messaging platforms, memoranda, letters, analyst reports, telecopies, telefaxes, telexes, conferences, seminars, messages, notes, video tapes, photographs, microfilm, microfiche, magnetic disks, or other media of any kind.
- 8. The term "*concerning*" shall mean relating to (however remotely), referring to, describing, evidencing, or constituting.
- 9. The term "Corporate Records" shall include articles of association, company bylaws, articles of incorporation, founding documents, partnership agreements, limited liability company agreements, management agreements, meeting minutes, board presentations, policies and resolutions, records of material transactions, approvals of material contracts, records of sale, purchase of real estate, annual reports, trust agreements, accounting, and any other Document concerning an entity's organization or material activities.
- 10. The term "Cryptocurrency" shall mean any digital currency that utilizes cryptography or similar technology to secure transactions that are digitally recorded on a

distributed ledger, such as a blockchain or similar technology.

- 11. The term "Cryptocurrency Wallet" shall mean any device, physical medium, program, app, service, or software that stores private keys for Cryptocurrency or Cryptocurrency transactions, whether encrypted or otherwise.
- 12. The terms "*Debtor*" or "*Jones*" shall mean the Person who filed a petition for chapter 11 relief in the case of *In re Alexander E. Jones*, No. 22-33553 (CML) (Bankr. S.D. Tex.) and who goes by the name of Alexander Jones, Alex Jones, Alexander E. Jones, Alex E. Jones, Alexander Emeric Jones, Alex Emeric Jones, or any other variation of the Debtor's name, including any alter egos, Persons who have apparent authority over the Debtor, Agents of the Debtor, and Professionals of the Debtor.
- 13. The term "*Debtor Related Entity*" shall include any entity owned, managed, or operated by the Debtor or from which the Debtor benefits, whether directly or indirectly, at any point in time, including any Debtor Related Trust.
- 14. The term "Debtor Related Trust" shall refer to any trust for which the Debtor or any Debtor Related Entity is a beneficiary, settlor, donor, or trustee, including but not limited to the Missouri 779384 Trust; the RXXCTTGAA Trust; the Alexander E. Jones Descendent and Beneficiary Trust; the 2022 Appeal Trust; the 2022 FSS Litigation Settlement Trust; the AEJ 2018 Trust; the Green Leaf Trust; the Recharge Dynasty Trust; and the Hutton Cabin Trust; and shall include any of their Affiliates, predecessors and successors in interest, and any of their former or current trustees, settlors, donors, beneficiaries, beneficial owners, Agents, advisors, attorneys, Professionals, or anyone else acting on their behalf.
- 15. The term "*Document*" is defined to be synonymous in meaning and equal in scope to the usage of the term "documents or electronically stored information" in Federal Rule of Civil

Procedure 34(a)(1)(A), including but not limited to all writings, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, sound recordings, images, electronically stored information, and other data or data compilations. This includes documents stored in any medium from which information can be obtained either directly or, if necessary, after translation by the responding party into a reasonably usable form, including but not limited to emails, texts, chats, spreadsheets, and PowerPoint presentations. A draft or non-identical copy is a separate document within the meaning of this term.

- 16. The term "Financial Records" shall include any Document or Communication that contains or summarizes information about any Person's or entity's financial activities or condition of the Debtor including, but not limited to, information about the Assets, balance sheets, budgets, cash flow, earnings, revenue, Gifts, Payments, Transfers in Assets or interests, Tax Documents, and books and records containing any of the above maintained in the ordinary course of business.
- 17. The term "FSS Case" shall mean the case captioned In re Free Speech Systems, LLC, Case No. 22-60043 (CML) (Bankr. S.D. Tex.).
- 18. The term "*Gift*" shall mean any voluntary or involuntary Transfer of an Asset *not* made in exchange for any service, product, or other Asset.
 - 19. The term "*including*" shall mean "including, but not limited to."
- 20. The term "*Marleigh Jones Entities*" shall include any entity owned, managed, or operated by You or from which You benefit, whether directly or indirectly, at any point in time, including BellaMac LLC, MRJR Holdings Limited LLC, and Rex Jones Enterprises LLC.
- 21. The term "*Payment*" shall mean any voluntary or involuntary Transfer in exchange for any service, product, or other Asset, whether previously provided, provided contemporaneously with the Transfer, or to be provided in the future, and whether or not such

service, product, or other Asset was or will be provided to the Person making or causing the Payment to be made.

- 22. The term "*Person*" shall mean any natural person or any legal entity, unincorporated association, or group of individuals or legal entities, whether formally or informally established, and their Affiliates and Professionals, including, without limitation, any business, trust, governmental entity, or association.
- 23. The term "*Professional*" shall mean any Person or entity engaged to provide or involved in providing professional services of any kind at any time, including without limitation, any attorneys, consultants (including independent consultants), independent contractors, advisors, and testifying or non-testifying experts.
- 24. The term "Subchapter V Trustee's Report" shall refer to the Subchapter V Trustee's Initial Findings of Free Speech Systems, LLC Investigation filed in the FSS Case at ECF No. 549.
- 25. The term "*Tax Documents*" shall mean any tax return, tax form, tax schedule, declaration, report, claim for refund, assessment, or information return, statement, or other Document relating to taxes, including any schedules or form or attachment thereto, whether prepared by the taxpayer, in the taxpayer's individual capacity or the taxpayer's capacity as an employer or employee, a tax preparer, a bank or financial institution, the Internal Revenue Service, or any other governmental authority.
- 26. The term "*Transfer*" shall have the meaning ascribed in 11 U.S.C. § 101(54)(A)–(D), inclusive.
- 27. The terms "You," "Your," or "Yours" shall refer to Marleigh Jones as an individual; in her capacity as trustee, co-trustee, beneficiary, donor, or settlor of any Debtor Related Trust; in

her capacity as manager, member, owner, employee, or consultant of any Debtor Related Entity; and in her capacity in any role in connection with the Debtor, any Debtor Related Trust, or any Debtor Related Entity. This includes, but is not limited to, You: (a) as an individual; (b) as a manager of Rex Jones Enterprises LLC; (c) as a manager of MRJR Holdings Limited LLC; (d) as a manager of BellaMac LLC; and (e) in any other capacity in which You have possession, custody, or control of Documents, Communications, or information called for or responsive to these Requests.

- 28. The definitions described above shall apply regardless of whether such term is capitalized or not capitalized.
- 29. Any references to a Person shall be deemed to include such Person's Agents, accountants, advisors, employees, attorneys and other Professionals, officers, directors, direct or indirect shareholders, members, managers, representatives, Affiliates, subsidiaries, predecessors, successors, assigns, trustees, fiduciaries, settlors, donors, beneficiaries, donors, or any other individual or entity acting or purporting to act on behalf of such Person. In addition, the reference to any trust shall include any current or former trustees, or other fiduciaries, settlors, donors, and beneficiaries.
- 30. The use of any singular noun shall be construed to include the plural, and vice versa, and a verb in any tense shall be construed as the use of the verb in all other tenses.

INSTRUCTIONS

- These instructions incorporate by reference the requirements and duties of the Federal Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Rules.
- 2. Each Request is continuing in nature. If at any time additional Documents responsive to the Requests come into Your possession, custody, or control or are brought to Your attention, prompt supplementation of Your response to these Requests is required.
- 3. You are requested to produce all Documents, Communications, and information requested herein that are within Your possession, custody, or control or in the possession, custody, or control of Your current and former officers, directors, Agents, employees, representatives, Affiliates, Professionals, members, managers, trustees, or any other Person or entity acting or purporting to act on Your behalf.
- 4. You are requested to produce Documents, Communications, and information requested herein on a rolling basis.
- 5. If You cannot fully respond to one or more of the Requests after exercising due diligence to secure the information requested thereby, please so state, and specify: (a) the portion of each Request that cannot be responded to fully and completely; (b) what efforts were made to obtain the requested information; (c) the facts relied upon that support Your contention that the Request(s) cannot be answered fully and completely; and (d) any knowledge, information, or belief You have concerning the unanswered portion of any such Request(s).
- 6. All Documents shall be produced with metadata in TIFF format with OCR images, provided, however, that documents in Excel format shall be provided in native format. All Documents shall be produced with metadata, including but not limited to the date and time

created/sent, author, recipients, cc-copies, bcc-blind copies, family member information, MD-5 hash, subject line and title, and whether the document contains redactions.

- 7. If the response to any Request consists, in whole or in part, of an objection on the basis of or including undue burdensomeness, then provide those documents that can be produced without undue burden. For such documents that are too unduly burdensome to produce, describe the process or method required to obtain said documents, the quantity and location of the documents involved, and the estimated costs of the search.
- 8. If You intend to withhold any responsive Document, Communication, or other information on the basis of a claim of attorney-client privilege, work product protection, or any other ground of non-disclosure, You shall identify such Document, Communication, or information in writing by date of the Document's creation, title/file name/"re line"/subject, addressee/to/cc/bcc, addressor/from, Document type, and topic covered and listed with a statement of the grounds alleged for withholding such Document, Communication, or other information, including any privilege claimed.
- 9. If Your response to any Request is any other objection, You must indicate if Documents are being withheld based on the objection(s), provide all Documents not covered by the objection, and state the specific basis of the objection.
- 10. If any Document responsive to these Requests has been destroyed, lost, or discarded, state when the Document was destroyed, lost, or discarded; identify the Person who destroyed, lost, or discarded the Document; and, in the event the Document was destroyed or discarded, identify the Person who directed that it be destroyed or discarded. Additionally, detail the reasons for the destruction, loss, or discarding; describe the nature of the Document; identify

the Persons who created, sent, received, or reviewed the Document; and state in as much detail as possible the contents of the Document.

- 11. Subject to Instruction No. 6 above, Documents should be produced in the manner they are kept in the ordinary course of business. In producing Documents, all Documents that are physically attached to each other, or segregated or separated from other Documents, when originally located, should be produced as is.
- 12. All Documents shall be produced in such fashion as to identify the custodian or department in whose possession the Document was found and the business address of each Document's custodian(s).
- 13. The fact that a Document is produced by another party does not relieve You of the obligation to produce Your copy of the same Document, even if the two Documents are identical.
- 14. Unless otherwise specified, the Requests call for the production of Documents and Communications created, drafted, copied, or otherwise obtained from January 1, 2018, to the present.
- 15. By serving these Requests, the Committee reserves all rights, does not waive any of its rights, and expressly reserves the right to amend, to modify, or otherwise to supplement these Requests.

REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION

- 1. All Documents and Communications that You have produced in the above-captioned bankruptcy case or in the FSS Case, including all Documents and Communications that You have produced to the subchapter V trustee of the FSS Case.
- 2. All Documents and Communications concerning the Debtor's filing of his chapter 11 petition, including all Documents and Communications concerning the planning of the filing of his chapter 11 petition.
- 3. All Documents and Communications between You and the Debtor or any other Person concerning any Asset planning or estate planning with respect to, or in consideration of any creditor's ability to reach, any Assets in which the Debtor has a legal, possessory, beneficial, equitable, pecuniary, or disputed interest.
- 4. All Documents and Communications concerning any contracts, agreements, Payments, Transfers, Gifts, or distributions of any Assets between: (i) You or any Marleigh Jones Entity, on the one hand, and (ii) the Debtor, any entities the Debtor owns, operates, manages, or benefits from (directly or indirectly), or any entities that are owned or operated by any family member or associate of the Debtor and which are related to the Debtor (directly or indirectly), on the other hand.
- 5. All Documents and Communications concerning any Transfers or Gifts greater than\$1,000 from the Debtor, directly or indirectly.
- 6. All Documents and Communications concerning the creation of any entity that does business, directly or indirectly, with the Debtor or the Debtor's businesses, including but not limited to the creation or purpose of any Marleigh Jones Entities.

- 7. All Documents and Communications concerning any Cryptocurrency or Cryptocurrency Wallets and Accounts on any Cryptocurrency exchange belonging to, controlled by, or benefitting the Debtor or any entity owned, managed, or operated by the Debtor or from which the Debtor benefits, whether directly or indirectly, at any point in time.
- 8. All Corporate Records, Financial Records, or Tax Documents of any Debtor Related Entity or any Marleigh Jones Entities.
- 9. All Documents and Communications concerning ownership of, or any Transfer, Gift, or sale concerning, any real property related to the Debtor or any family members of the Debtor.